Threat to Koshi Bairaj (DAM) by Maoists of Nepal

†3418. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the threat posed by Maoists of Nepal to the Koshi Bairaj (dam) located on Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether any information has been received from Government of Bihar and Sashastra Seema Bal in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Information was received from Government of Bihar and Sashastra Seema Bal that Nepalese security personnel deployed at the Koshi Barrage, which falls inside Nepal, had been withdrawn. The matter was taken up through diplomatic channels with His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN) following which security personnel were re-deployed at the barrage by HMGN.

Assistance for modernization of Police in Andhra Pradesh

3419. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Union Government for release of necessary funds for policing in Mega City of Hyderabad covering the commissionerates of Hyderabad and Cyberabad for an amount of Rs. 95.82 crores and for Rs. 345 crores for modernization of police force for Hyderabad for which estimates had already been submitted by the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of releasing the funds at the earliest; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) Government has

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